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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :  
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GORDON T. BROWN : AUTOMATED ACCOUNTING SYSTEM  
: :  
[Continuation of Application :  
Serial No. 08/313,988 : Attorney Docket No. 47781-6  
Filed September 28, 1994] :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

October 11, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Attention: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination.

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/313,988  
filed September 28, 1994.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-27.

Please add new Claims 28-70 as follows:

A2 28. (New) A method of providing financial accounting statements for  
a first entity, comprising:  
providing transaction codes, including standardized codes;  
the first entity conducting with a plurality of other entities separate  
financial transactions;  
associating at least one of the transaction codes at about the time  
when funds are transferred or instructions are given for transfer to complete each  
financial transaction;